

Amendments to the Abstract

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-- The present invention relates in particular to a synchronization system ~~(5)~~ and method. The synchronization system comprises a specification unit ~~(1)~~ for specifying synchronization signals associated with an audiovisual programme ~~(15)~~, the latter comprising an audiovisual content and control information, a recognition unit ~~(2)~~ for recognizing the synchronization signals in a transmitted stream carrying this programme, by recognition of at least one extracted portion of the audiovisual content, and an activation unit ~~(3)~~ triggering an action in case of detection of these signals. The specification unit prepares and transmits to the recognition unit recognition elements ~~(11)~~ making it possible to obtain this extracted portion, as well as at least one action timeout lag in case of detection of the synchronization signals. The recognition or activation unit then delays the triggering of this action according to the lag transmitted, in case of detection of the synchronization signals. In variants, the timeout lag is determined and/or the recognition elements are obtained independently of the specification unit.--